

To: TennCare Episodes Providers and Other Stakeholders

Date: May 12, 2021

**Subject: Waiving 2020 Episodes Risk-Sharing Payments**

Thank you for your continued dedication to provide quality care to TennCare members during the COVID-19 pandemic. The state recognizes that COVID-19 continues to be an unprecedented health and economic crisis for the provider community, inclusive of financial pressures on many providers.

**In order to continue to support providers during this difficult time, the three TennCare Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will waive all episodes of care risk-sharing payments in the final reports for the 2020 performance period.** What this means is that if a provider owes a final episode risk-sharing payment to an MCO based on their final 2020 episodes results, then the provider will not have to make that payment. Final 2020 performance reports will be released from the MCO portals on August 19, 2021. Providers who have gain-sharing payments in their final 2020 performance report will receive those payments as planned, with no changes. Providers who have no change in payment as a result of their episodes will also not be impacted.

We continue to welcome input from stakeholders regarding potential adjustments to episodes design during this uniquely difficult time.

Again, we are grateful for your continued partnership and thank you for the care you are offering to our members. You can find more information on TennCare' response during this emergency period by visiting <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/information-statistics/tenncare-information-about-coronavirus.html>.

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